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**OUR SEPTEMBER
EVANGELIZING
MESSAGE:**

“Value the Precious Gift of Life; Life is a Gift from God”.



Month for our mothers, “Life is a gift from God, Value the precious gift of life”

Every form of Life comes from the Creator. Everyone who cooperates with God in giving and defending life shares in the miracle of creation. “all life, all goodness comes from you...” What men and women are called to do is to defend life from any danger of violence or pain of any kind before or after birth

Everyone who manipulates life, at any stage, without respect for its origin, its purpose and its dignity wants to play the role of God himself.

Mothers have a special role in the creation of life, God has entrusted the human being to them, because of their femininity, and they have been chosen and made so as to nurture life and defend the dignity of the human being through love....

A woman is strong because of her awareness of this entrusting,

strong because of the fact that God "entrusts the human being to her", always and in every way, even in the situations of social discrimination in which she may find herself.

This awareness and this fundamental vocation speak to women of the dignity which they receive from God himself, and this makes them "strong" and strengthens their vocation.

Only when a woman loves fully can she be faithful to her identity, vocation and mission In the Spirit of Christ, in fact, women can discover the entire meaning of their femininity and thus be disposed to making a "sincere gift of self" to others, thereby finding themselves.

Teaching the family and the community how to love is the task of her whole life and being. The bridegroom is the one who loves. The bride is loved: It is she who receives love, in order to love in return.

The dignity of women is measured by the order of love, which is essentially the order of justice

and charity.

Together with men, "a helper fit for him" (Genesis 2:18) she was given a common responsibility for the destiny of humanity in His Image Only a person can love, and only a person can be loved

(John Paul II, Mulieris dignitatem, Encyclical letter on the dignity of women, 1988)

Are we aware of the great dignity of our women? Do we respect our women, mothers, sisters, daughters. A man who considers a woman his property because he paid to buy her, did not yet pass from the wrong understanding of culture to the gift of faith

Thank you women, thank you mothers for teaching how to love, not when you feel good and things go well, but also when things are not the way they are supposed to be because of the arrogance, pride and violence people unworthy to be called human beings The church is with you in your struggle to defend your rights especially when the pain comes from the people you love most within your own family...

The church gives thanks for all the manifestations of the feminine "genius" for all the gifts to the church which the Holy Spirit distributes to women in the history of our diocese She gives thanks for all the fruits of feminine holiness

“Be careful when you make a woman cry, because God is counting her tears. Women were made from one rib of man; not from his feet to be kicked, nor from his head so he could be superior. She was made from his side to be protected, near his heart to be loved” (from the Talmud)

With love from your bishop who loves you with a solo heart made in Italy



“We give and re-give all a sense of the value of SOLIDARITY as we promote, live and experience in our lives, true acts of JUSTICE & PEACE with our brothers and sisters and the nature around us”



Jerome Quibatu
(Lay Apostolate Coordinator Diocese of Gizo)

This month of August, 2012 is the Bible month. The E/message is being posted on the parish's notice boards and in the churches within the parish's communities. Hopefully parishes have drawn up their plans or programs to help them to reflect and better understanding of the bible month.

Our E/Message reads: "God's word is our source of strength to work for the common good of all." Let this message finds a place in our lives. It is not enough just to say it in the church, but it should be lived and experienced in our Christian lives.

One area which I believed should help us to continue live the

word of God is through bible sharing. Bible sharing helps individual, communities to read and pray the bible regularly. I just hope that bible sharing is alive and active in our parishes' communities.

I've mention this was the main focus of the last three years diocesan training programs from 2009 – 2011. We have trained leaders of the bible sharing group in the parishes to go back to their communities and start to organize and conduct the sharing group. However, if our group is on and off then the message of this month should again give us the inner strength to reactivate or continue the bible sharing group.

I would like to encourage us all to make effort to take part in the bible sharing and also I would like to encourage leaders of the bible group to organize it. This will help us to see the needs of our brothers and sisters. Let us then open to His Holy Word to really transform us to be sensitive to the needs of others.

DIOCESAN PROGRAM COMING UP FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

**Diocesan Pastoral Council Workshop 2012.
2013 — 2016 Diocesan Pastoral Planning.
Venue: St. Peter's Gizo Parish.**

12TH SEPTEMBER — HOLY NAME OF MARY, PATRON OF SOLOMON ISLANDS (SOLEMNITY)

OUR DIOCESAN MOTHER'S DAY

LIFE IS PRECIOUS FROM MOTHERS.



__ Happenings in Our Diocese __

Tragic death of young volunteer missionary *(From David Kerr, Australia)*



Student Affairs Coordinator at St John Bosco Senior Technical School, Nila, Shortland Islands, Ryan Turallo, a Filipino missionary volunteer, lost his life on Saturday 28 July 2012 when the boat he was on with 9 other people sank as they were travelling from Gizo to Nila.

Ryan Turallo, volunteer missionary in Gizo Diocese: R. I. P.

GIZO: 31 July 2012 -- Bishop Luciano Capelli SDB, Bishop of Gizo, Solomon Islands, had the sad task today of writing to family, authorities, and those who had been working closely with Ryan Turallo, Filipino volunteer missionary, to inform them that at 7.00 am this morning, Ryan's body was washed ashore at Aleang village in the Shortland group.

Ryan, 30 years of age, was the Student Affairs Coordinator at St John Bosco Senior Technical School on Nila, in the Shortland Islands. The school, named after St John Bosco, also has a number of alumni from Don Bosco Henderson as staff.

Eyewitness reports from some of the six known survivors (there were ten people on board, including children, two of whom are confirmed dead, and one young man still missing), indicates that the boat was taking on too much water from rain and sea. The young man still missing failed to reach shore when he and another swam to a nearby island for help. The other managed to raise the alarm. Local SI Search and Rescue, as well as Australian Maritime Safety aircraft joined in the search for the missing people.

The boat, which belonged to the Diocese, had waited a week for weather to improve to make the crossing, and on Saturday weather and sea appeared to be suitable for the trip.

Bishop Capelli today immediately wrote to Ryan's parents, his archdiocese, and friends both in the Philippines, PNG and Solomon Islands, expressing the deep loss everyone was feeling, describing Ryan as a "lover of youth, life, with dreams and plans for himself, his beloved ones and the youth entrusted to him". He went on to say that as Student Affairs Coordinator, Ryan "has given his life as a Volunteer Missionary in a very isolated place, with great joy and enthusiasm for life". Addressing himself at one point to Ryan, he expressed the wish that "many Solomon youth may find the courage to follow in your footsteps at the service of the Church and the youth".



**Children are unpredictable.
You never know what
inconsistency they're going
to catch you in next.**

~unknown Author

CONDOLENCE MESSAGES.

To Filipino Community Nila & all the people of Shortlands.

Our thoughts and Prayers are with you all as we all mourn the sudden and tragic passing away of:

- a teacher
- a colleagues
- a one talk
- and a cheerful friend,

Late Ryan Andalli Turallo.

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE

From the staffs, Diocese of Gizo

Condolence Message from Dunde Community High School (Primary and Secondary Division)

It is a great shock that we learn this morning of the tragedy that befell our teacher colleagues of Shortlands over the weekend. Their death and injury cannot go unnoticed as this loss will certainly affect our education services in the province.

Please convey our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families in this darkest moment and pray that we will all find comfort in the Grace of Almighty God.

May their soul rest in eternal peace and for the injured a speedy recovery.

For and on behalf of the board, staffs and students, parents and community high school of Dunde school.

From The Youth of St. Peter Gizo

Nothing is harder than losing someone you love.

But friends can help healing. Please know that you have friends who care.

OUR THOUGHTS REMAIN WITH YOU FOREVER

TO THE FAMILY OF THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIFE ON THE 29TH JULY TRAGEDY

*GONE FROM OUR SIGHT, BUT NEVER OUR MEMORIES.
GONE FROM OUR TOUCH, BUT NEVER OUR HEARTS.....
MAY IT COMFORT YOU TO KNOW THAT, YOUR LOVED ONE IS SAFE IN GOD'S CARE NOW, AND THAT FRIENDS ARE PRAYING FOR YOU IN YOUR TIME OF SORROW.*

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY -

— NEWS IN BITS —

Feast Day Makes Second Anniversary.

The Feast Day of St. Don Bosco on the 16th August marks the 2nd year Anniversary of St. Peter's Urban Training Centre, Gizo..

The program began with the 9 am Thanksgiving Mass followed by the visitation to the center. After, a lunch was provided for the parents and guidance, friends, staffs and students and followed by the entertainment from the students.



The feast day reminds the students, parents/guidance and staff the challenge they have experienced during this 2 year period.

During speeches, especially the Bishop, Rev, Luciano Capelli sdb who gave his wonderful reminder, reminding everyone to live the value of life and challenge every students to become saints. He also thanked God for the gift of Don Bosco to the youth, and thanks to St. Don Bosco for his life for the institution.

Nusabaruku Catholic Community Celebrates Feast of Assumption.

Nusabaruka Catholic Community celebrated their Feast of the Assumption, on Sunday 19th August, at their Maneaba, led by a procession of the Blessed Mary to the Maneaba and then celebration of the Holy Eucharist, followed, conducted by Father Peter.

Feasting and dancing followed and all who attended did admit it was a well organized function. The first year postulants from Loga attended with Brother Frank, along with Father Peter. The United Church Community also sent in their representatives, along with a rep from the Bahai Faith.

Uen te Rose entertainment group were highlights of the day with their dancing and entertainments.



The President of the Nusabaruka Catholic Community Committee, ended up in his word of thanks to the participating guests, that their presence had brought in color and flavor to the celebrations.

Parish Complete Bible Seminar on the Month of the Bible.

5 zones from the St. Peter's Parish Moli have completed their 3 weeks Bible seminar this month of August.

As the month of August was the month of the Bible for our diocese, the parishioners also have time to reflect on the evangelizing message, "God's Word is our source of strength to work for the common good of all" .

The program was facilitated by the parish pastoral coordinator, Mr. Moses Paqeava and the parish priest Fr. Gabriel. Both facilitators have a good time during the program as it is a time to renew others lives, and to reactivate more village catechists, prayer leaders and people who have the opportunity to attend the program.

The program was well organized as communities give support by providing food for the program.



EDUCATION 4 LIFE

FOR AN EDUCATION TO VALUES AGAINST HIV/AIDS

YOUNGSTERS' DIFFICULTIES



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JUST GIVING IN TO PLEASURE

3.-To prove that they are physically able to father or bear children.

♥ "I want to marry so as to have children; I must be sure that I am physically able to do so. And the only way to find out is to sleep with a girl."

♥ Certain traditions affect young girls. They have to give their parents a grandson before marrying to ensure the family will continue and also to prove that the girl is able to bear children. As a result most girls are mothers before they are twenty years old.

■ First, there aren't many who can't father or bear children. In addition, sleeping with a girl doesn't show whether you can father a child or not, because the girl might be pregnant from someone else or it might be she who is unable to conceive a child

■ There are also some **consequences**: If you are able to father a child, you will have one. Will you be able to bring it up till it is grown up?

■ This reasoning **is false**. Young people who do these things show that they are ignorant and looking for excuses to have sex.

■ This way of acting leads to **sexual promiscuity** without respect for the other person but simply the wish to use him or her. **A child** has the right to have **parents who stay together and love it**, not just baby-makers.